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OUR LADY OF VICTORY.

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THE OBJECTS OF THE LEAGUE.

1. The promotion of fellowship among Catholics, and the Reunion of Christendom.
2. Conversion to the Catholic Religion.
3. The Sanctification of our Members.

THE BADGE.

The Badge is a Key and Crozier, crossed in a small Square. The Key symbolizes the Church's authority and discipline in Canon Law and Penance; the Crozier, her pastoral work, in Teaching and Sacraments. The Square is the Holy Church, the City which lieth four-square and is at unity in itself, and a reminder of Christian perfection. The cord, on which the Badge is worn at services and meetings, is of blue for Our Lady, and gold for St. Joseph.

PATRONS.

The League and its work were solemnly dedicated to Almighty God at its foundation in 1913, under the patronage of Blessed Mary, Our Lady of Victory, a title so closely connected

with the triumph of the true Faith and with re-union; and under the invocation also of Saint Joseph, Patron of the Universal Church, so beloved in the West: with Saint Nicholas, of Myra, the wonder-worker, to whom devotion is specially given by Eastern Catholics. We have also in these Saints, patrons respectively of our women members, our men, and our children.

FEASTS.

The Anniversary is observed in May or June.

Members are asked to observe the following Feasts:

The Feast of the Most Sacred Heart.

Our Lady of Victory, October 7th.

The Patronage of Saint Joseph, Wednesday following the Second Sunday after Easter.

Saint Nicholas, December 6th.

Each Chapter and Ward should also keep the Feast of its Title, and its Annual Requiem.

The First Friday of each month is observed by the Apostleship as devoted to the Sacred Heart, and all C. L. Priests are *asked* to celebrate on this day on behalf of the League and its objects.

An Annual Requiem Mass is celebrated each November on behalf of all departed members.

CONSTITUENT SECTIONS OF THE LEAGUE.

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The C.L. Apostleship of Prayer. (p. 12.)

The Rosary Confraternity of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary. (p. 25.)

ORGANIZATION.

The League is organized territorially where possible in Chapters (usually diocesan), which may be sub-divided into Wards. Over each is a Priest and Secretary. Close Wards may be formed in connection with Homes and Institutions. Each member is enrolled in the Ward or Chapter in which he is domiciled. He may also be an *Associate* of another Chapter or Ward. Parish and other Guilds may also be aggregated to the League, with their members as C.L. Associates, under the same conditions of membership as Postulants.

GOVERNMENT.

The League is governed by the General Committee consisting of the Priest-Directors, the General Secretary and officers, representatives of the Sodality and League Priests, and of other Sections, and elected Members. Each Chapter by its Provost, Ward by its Warden, Secretary and when possible, by elected Committee.

MEMBERSHIP.

All the faithful, of whatever rite or country, are welcome as members, provided that they conform to the following conditions :—

NOT NOW REQUIRED

POSTULANCY.

A year's postulancy (except for the Clergy) is required, on entering which a declaration is signed that the postulant (conformably with his age)

(1) Is an instructed and practising Catholic and recognizes the duty of conforming to the discipline of the Church *especially* in the following points :

(*a*) Attendance at Mass on days of obligation;

(*b*) Confession at least once a year, according to the Paschal precept ;

(*c*) Observance of the days of Fasting and Abstinence ;

(*d*) The Fast before Holy Communion.

Note that the principle of Catholic discipline requires those who need relaxation (if not exempt) to seek or avail themselves of dispensation from proper ecclesiastical authority.

(2) Is desirous of promoting the objects of the League.

During the year care should be taken to deepen knowledge of the Faith and study "The League's Profession of Faith."

Full Membership.

At the end of the year the postulant is responsible for applying to the Secretary for a form of application for full membership, in which he declares that he fulfils the above conditions and accepts as a standard of belief "The Creed of the Council of Trent."

The League has adopted this as being the simplest available document summarizing the Faith of the Western Church and of the Church of England before she was coerced by the State at the Reformation.

After election the member will be Received and Blessed by a Priest and be invested with the Badge.

N.B.—An Annual Subscription of at least 1/6 is required of all members and postulants. Subscription for Life-membership 15/-

Children remain as postulants until 16 years of age, paying 6d. Subscription.

The Badge is the property of the League, and must be restored on cessation of membership, when the deposit of 6d. will be returned.

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH OF THE LEAGUE.

THE TRIDENTINE CREED.

I, N., believe and profess, with a firm faith, all and every one of the things which are contained in the Symbol of Faith which is used in the Holy Roman Church. (Here follows a recitation of the Nicene Creed)—

(I) I most firmly admit and embrace the Apostolic and Ecclesiastical traditions and all other observances and constitutions of the same Church.

(II) I also admit the Sacred Scriptures according to that sense which Holy Mother Church has held and does hold, to whom it appertains to judge of the true sense and interpretation of the Holy Scriptures; neither will I ever take and interpret them otherwise than according to the unanimous consent of the Fathers.

(III) I profess also that there are truly and properly seven Sacraments of the new law constituted by Jesus Christ our Lord, and necessary for the salvation of mankind, though not all are necessary for every one; to wit, Baptism, Confirmation, the Eucharist, Penance, Extreme Unction, Order and Matrimony, and that they confer grace, and that of these, Baptism, Confirmation, and Order cannot be repeated without sacrilege; and also I receive and admit the received and approved ceremonies of the Catholic Church used in the solemn administration of the aforesaid Sacraments.

(IV) I embrace and receive all and every one of the things which have been defined and declared by the holy Council of Trent concerning original sin and justification.

(V) I profess likewise, that in the Mass there is offered unto God a true, proper and propitiatory sacrifice for the living and the dead, and that in the most holy Sacrament of the Eucharist there are truly, really and substantially the Body and Blood, together with the Soul and Divinity, of our Lord Jesus Christ and that there is a conversion of the whole substance of the bread into the Body and of the whole substance of the wine into the Blood, which conversion the Catholic Church calls Transubstantiation.

(VI) I confess that under either kind alone, Christ whole and entire, and a true Sacrament is received.

(VII) I constantly hold that there is a Purgatory, and that the souls therein detained are helped by the suffrages of the faithful.

(VIII) Likewise that the Saints reigning together with Christ are to be honoured and invoked ; and that they offer prayer to God for us, and that their relics are to be venerated.

(IX) I most firmly assert that the images of Christ, and of the Mother of God, ever Virgin, and also of other Saints, are to be had and retained, and that due honour and veneration are to be given to them.

(X) I also affirm that the power of indulgences was left by Christ in the Church, and that the use of them is most wholesome to Christian people.

(XI) I acknowledge the Holy Catholic and Apostolic Roman Church, the Mother and Mistress of all Churches; and . . . . . the Bishop of Rome, Successor of St. Peter, Prince of the Apostles and Vicar of Jesus Christ.

(XII) I likewise undoubtedly receive and profess all other things delivered, defined and declared by the Sacred Canons and general Councils and particularly by the Holy Council of Trent, and likewise also condemn, reject, and anathematize all things contrary thereto, and all heresies whatsoever condemned and anathematized by the Church

The true Catholic Faith, without which no one can be saved, which I now freely profess and sincerely hold, I promise, vow, and swear, with God's help most constantly to hold and profess whole and entire to the end of my life. So may God help me and His Holy Gospels.

The C.L. issues "The Explanation of the Profession of Faith of the Council of Trent." (4d. from C.L. Office).

SODALITAS PRETIOSISSIMI SANGUINIS D.N.J.C.

THE SODALITY OF THE MOST PRECIOUS BLOOD OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST.

Founded under the Patronage of St. Charles Borromæo, February 17th, 1914.

The Sodality is founded to unite Priests under the obligation of Celibacy, and of the recitation of the Divine Office, in order that by mutual prayer and association they may cultivate in themselves and in the Church the highest ideals of priestly life, and of pastoral, ministerial and doctrinal proficiency.

The Sodality is dedicated to The Most Precious Blood in devotion to the Priestly ideals of Penance and Sacrifice, both in life and ministry.

THE OBJECTS OF THE SODALITY.

(*a*) To promote the highest ideals of the priestly life in holiness, discipline and proficiency.

(*b*) To promote the objects of the Catholic League, *viz.*, the extension of the Catholic religion, Catholic unity, and the deepening of the spiritual life of all its members.

CONDITIONS OF MEMBERSHIP.

The applicant for enrolment as Member or Associate shall sign :

(a) An undertaking to observe the Rules and to endeavour to promote the Objects.

(b) A declaration that he recognizes the duty of conforming to the discipline of the Church.

(c) A solemn affirmation that he recognizes that the reception of the Sacrament of Holy Orders constitutes a diriment impediment to Holy Matrimony, and therefore he acknowledges himself to be under obligation, in virtue of his Ordination, to remain celibate.

(d) An acknowledgment of the obligation *sub gravi* of the recitation of the Divine Office of the Latin Breviary.

(c) A declaration that he professes and holds the Faith as set forth in the Tridentine Creed.

RULES.

(a) To offer the Intention at Terce daily for the members and objects of the Sodality.

(b) To make the morning Offering of the C.L. Apostleship of Prayer.*

(c) To celebrate Holy Mass with Intention for the Sodality and the League and their objects once a month; if possible on the first Friday; and, that day being free, a votive Mass, if convenient, of the Most Sacred Heart.

(d) To make an Annual Retreat of at least three whole days.

(e) To offer Holy Mass for the repose of the soul of a Member on hearing of his death.

Recommendations.

(a) To make, alone or with others, a monthly Retreat.

(b) To conform in ceremonial, as far as possible, with care and exactness to the Roman regulations.

(c) To submit a rule of life to a director.

(d) To continue the systematic study of dogmatic, moral and ascetic theology.

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* Members and Associates of the Sodality, by virtue of their observance of Rules (a) and (b) (which are the first rules of the Apostleship) are as such Members or Associates of the C.L. Apostleship of Prayer; and so are linked up with those who are united in this devotion to the Sacred Heart for the extension of Christ's Kingdom.

Prayers of Sodality (p. 44).

THE APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER.

The Glory of God and the salvation of souls. For this was our Blessed Lord incarnate, for this He offered the Sacrifice of Calvary, for this He sent forth His Apostles. Thus He taught them to pray :—"Hallowed be Thy Name; Thy Kingdom come; Thy will be done." Let this mind, therefore, be in you which was also in Christ Jesus. So to all those who have this mind and would follow His Apostles in doing His Will, there comes a solemn call to Prayer in these times when the forces of evil are indeed multiplying against His Church.

And there is no remedy but in doing the Will of Christ, and in striving by effort and prayer and sacrifice to aid in the fulfilment of the Intentions of His Sacred Heart.

And so, too, the Catholic League needs our prayers, that we may be rightly guided and aided to further His Will. For we know that our Objects are very dear to the Sacred Heart.

And therefore the League has founded the Apostleship of Prayer on the model of the association of the same title in the Roman Communion, that wonderful bond which unites to-day millions of members in this simple, but all embracing devotion.

Its beginnings were seen on the feast of St. Francis Xavier, the great Apostle of the Indies, when in 1844, the Director of the College of the Society of Jesus, at Vals, France, urged the young missionaries who were going forth on their Christ-like work, to unite together, in the Morning Offering, their life and prayer and sufferings into one great burning aspiration of Apostolic zeal. Such manifest graces and blessings at once resulted in that house, that the idea rapidly spread and was organized. And such prayer is truly a participation in the Apostolic work of the Sacred Heart, which is ever being carried forward by the Church, by the Mass, and by the prayers of Mary and the Saints.

And it is not prayer in the narrow sense alone that is to be offered. It is the prayer of Work. Nothing is too small that is done in Christ's Name to be accepted by Him as prayer in union with His Sacrifice. So all sufferings, almsgiving, sacrifice and merits can and should be offered by Christians to Our Lord to use for His purpose. "Whatsoever ye do, do all to the *glory of God*." Let us devote all our power of intercession to obtaining *what Our Lord wants*.

This then is the spirit of the Apostleship. To unite ourselves in devotion to the Sacred Heart, and in zeal for the advancement of the Kingdom of Our Saviour.

As the Blessed Virgin and St. Joseph never preached, yet, in their prayers at Nazareth and throughout the years of His Mission, were so intimately united with the desires of His Heart; so unnumbered souls, whose lives are hidden in Christ, carry on His work of extending the Kingdom and saving souls by prayer, united with the intercession of the saints and the Pleading of the Divine Host.

Advantages of Membership.

"It is more blessed to give than to receive," and our aim is to *give* to Our Lord. Yet we may think of the advantages to ourselves in being members of the Apostleship.

First, in all humility, Friendship with Jesus: because in zeal and intentions our hearts are to be united with His.

Secondly, the merits which we acquire in all we do if it is done in the spirit of the Apostleship —Divine Charity and seeking the glory of God.

Thirdly, the power we gain for our acts, prayers and sufferings, if they are really offered in union with the eternal sacrifice of the Mass.

Fourthly, all members are in close spiritual fellowship with and *share in the spiritual privileges* and merits of all the Apostleship, including the Priests' Sodality of the Precious

Blood; and we are at least in spiritual union with the millions of members of the Apostleship in other parts of the Church, and, we may believe, share in their merits and the indulgences granted to it.

Fifthly, we share in the numerous Masses offered for and by the League and Apostleship, and the constant intercessions of the members for each other.

Sixthly, the share which of God's mercy we shall retain in these privileges when we have departed this life; and in the offering of Requiem Masses.

THE METHOD.

The First Degree.

The *Rule of Devotion* consists essentially in making each morning an act of consecration of the life, work, sufferings and prayers of the day in union with the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, and for all the intentions for which Our Lord makes ceaseless intercession in Heaven and offers Himself in the Holy Sacrifice for us.

It is made "through, or in union with, the most pure Heart of Mary;" in union of spirit with her who above all others was, and is to-day, most wholly at one with the will and loving purposes of her Divine Son; looking for her

aid "who kept all these things in her heart," and as Queen of the Apostles, has ever in her all-prevailing prayers the Apostolic work of His disciples, and the yearning cry—"Thy Kingdom come!"

So, too, it is made "for the intentions of our great High Priest in the Holy Mass." For it is in the adorable Sacrifice that the Pleading Heart of Jesus ever liveth to make intercession for His Church, and in which daily strength and grace is poured forth for the Apostolic work of salvation and for the advancement of His Kingdom.

And it may be offered specially for some particular Intention in addition to the general, all-embracing one of the Apostleship. This may be the Intention assigned monthly in the League Messenger, and also for some private Intention, truly believed to be according to the Will of God.

Added to this, we ask for a few words of daily Intercession for the League and its Objects.

The Rule of the First Degree.

To undertake :—

(*a*) To make daily the "*Morning Offering*" *of Consecration* of our prayer and life to the

Sacred Heart, the following being the usual form :—" O Lord Jesus Christ, through the most pure heart of Mary, I offer Thee the prayers, work and sufferings of this day, for all the Intentions of Thy Divine Heart in the Holy Mass, especially for ——— "

(*b*) To offer *daily prayer for the League and its Objects*, using either the League Prayer, or Our Father and Hail Mary (or, as members of the Sodality and others, the Office of Terce for the same intention) :

N.B.—By the above words " and its objects " is signified *any one* of its objects, as given below, p. 24.

Those who are able are asked to extend this consecration further by undertaking one or both of the two remaining Degrees, which carry into further practice the principles of the Morning Offering.

The Second Degree.

This is undertaken by those who, realizing the Communion of Saints in common effort for the Glory of God and the good of His Church, and the sublime prerogative of the Mother of Mercies, invoke her aid in our work by means of the Holy Rosary. In this Degree centres the League's Devotion to Our Lady of Victory.

The Rule of the Second Degree.

To undertake to recite *daily one Decade of the Holy Rosary*. This may be fulfilled by following—

(*a*) The rule of the C.L. Rosary Confraternity (p. 25) *or*

(*b*) The rule of the Catholic League Living Rosary of Our Lady of Victory for Catholic Reunion (Decade assigned monthly in the Messenger) (see p. 28) *or*

(*c*) The rule of the Living Rosary of Our Lady and St. Dominic, or other Rosary Society with daily recitation, *or*

(*d*) A private rule.

The Third Degree.

This is to undertake to make Communions of Reparation, with the intention of offering :

(1) Consolation and Reparation to the Sacred Heart for the outrage, unbelief and indifference to which the Blessed Sacrament is exposed in our Churches.

(2) Intercession for the increase of faith in and worship of the Blessed Sacrament.

Thus in this Third Degree centres the League's devotion to the Most Blessed Sacrament. There will be a natural desire to give alms for enriching the outward dignity of the Cult of the Most Holy Sacrament, as provided for by the Tabernacle Treasury (p. 28).

The Rule of the Third Degree.

To undertake, by arrangement with the Director or one appointed by him, to make the *Communion of Reparation* on a fixed day once a week or at least once a month, after making Sacramental Confession within the week.

Where possible members of the Third Degree should be grouped into bands of 7 of those who undertake to make this Reparation once a week, and of 30 of those who do so once a month, in order that the Communion of Reparation may be made daily and perpetually.

The Scapular as part of the Monastic Habit, signifies the yoke of Christ, and Holy Obedience. It became the custom for the Orders to give to members of their Confraternities small replicas of their Scapulars to be worn as a sign of their association with them in privileges. Later, Scapulars of various devotions have been approved, and one of these, the Scapular of the

Sacred Heart, has been adopted by our C. L. Apostleship as a reminder of the daily Consecration and as our Livery of service of the Sacred Heart. It had its origin in the record of appearances of Our Lady in 1875 at Pellevoisin in France. It is a white Scapular, with an image of the Sacred Heart, and, on the other piece, of the Mother of Mercy. It is blessed by the Director with the proper form. It is worn over the shoulders under the clothing by those who desire to receive it.

CONSTITUTION.

The C.L. Apostleship is organized under a Priest-Director.

At the *Apostleship Altar* is kept the *Roll* of members to be continually brought before God in intercession.

As need arises, Local Promoters will be appointed to further the purposes of the Apostleship.

Particular requests for *Prayer for Special Needs* may be sent in by members to the Secretary of the Apostleship or to a Promoter, and these intercessions will be offered at Mass and recommended to members for intercession.

MEMBERSHIP.

All members of the League are asked, if they are able, to join the Apostleship, and so give their aid to the work of the League and the advancement of God's Kingdom.

To become a member, it is only necessary to sign and send in the form of undertaking to observe at least the Rule of the First Degree.

When members are enrolled at a meeting in Church, it is well that they should be publicly invested with the Scapular. Where this is not possible, it will be sent to the applicant after enrolment.

There is no annual subscription, but a *donation of* 6*d*. is asked for on being enrolled.

It is understood that if a member intends to cease observing the Rule, he will ask for his name to be removed from the Roll, as no longer fulfilling his share of what he asks from others.

Departed members are transferred to a Roll of "Expectantes," and they will have a continual share in the intercessions of the Apostleship, and will, we hope, continue to pray for us who are still militant on earth. Members should leave instructions that intimation of death be sent to the Secretary.

In special circumstances, persons who are not members of the League, may be enrolled as Associates, and share in all the spiritual privileges of the Apostleship.

Application for enrolment should be made through the Chapter Secretary, or directly to the Secretary, A.P., c/o C.L. Office.

RECOMMENDED AND ASSOCIATED DEVOTIONS.

The devotion of the Apostleship is centred in the manifestation in the Sacred Heart of the Divine and Human Love of our Incarnate Saviour.

It is a common practice to dedicate not only the Friday after the Octave of Corpus Christi to the Sacred Heart, but also the *First Friday of each month.*

This day has been chosen as our special day of devotion, and all members are asked to receive Holy Communion or to attend Mass, if possible, on this day on behalf of the League and its several objects.

Priest-members are asked to say Mass, if possible of the Sacred Heart, for the same Intentions, on the First Friday, or at least once a month; and (unless members, of the Sodality of which this is a Rule) to send

their names as contributing this help of their charity to the spiritual treasury of the Apostleship.

The Holy Hour. To spend an hour in prayer in Church or elsewhere, between Thursday afternoon and sunrise on Friday, in memory of the Agony of Our Blessed Lord, especially in preparation for the First Friday Communion.

Prayer to the Agonizing Heart of Jesus for the dying.

The Cloister of the Sacred Heart (or the *Guard of Honour*). An association of those, who without necessarily leaving their ordinary employment, consecrate a fixed hour each day to spiritual retirement and interior silence, in union with the Adoration of the Sacred Heart in the Blessed Sacrament; with attention directed toward a particular Tabernacle.

The *Mass of Reparation.* To hear a second Mass on Sundays and days of obligation in place of those absent, to atone for sinners and in reparation for the neglect of Divine worship.

The *Holy Rosary.* (see p. 25.)
The *Living Rosary.* (see p. 28.)
The *Church Unity Octave.* (see p. 29.)

Every kind of prayer, good works and sufferings, being included in the Morning Offering, derives, from this fresh meaning, fervour and value, being united with the Sacrifice of Christ. The thought of the oblation throughout the day should increase our diligence and our patience.

Members should be marked by their devotion to frequent Confession and Communion, to the daily Mass, and to visiting the Blessed Sacrament, as well as to all works of Charity and for the Church, and to constant prayer for reunion.

"N.B.—*Prayer for the League and its objects*" means for the Divine blessing upon the League, its members; or *any one* of its organizations or objects, viz :—

The Priests' Sodality and its members.
The Apostleship.
The C.L. Retreats.
The C.L. Pilgrimages.
The Children's Work.
Other League Associations.

Our Three Objects :—

The Reunion of Christendom.

The deepening of the spiritual life of our members.

The extension of the Catholic religion.

THE ROSARY CONFRATERNITY OF THE SACRED HEARTS OF JESUS AND MARY.

This Confraternity has been established to encourage among our members, and so spread abroad, greater fervency in the use of the Holy Rosary, the sweet chain which binds us to our Mother's Immaculate Heart in the imitation of Christ. And we need it too so greatly at this time as one of the most powerful means of Intercession.

For these purposes therefore, we invite members to be enrolled in the Rosary Confraternity, dedicated to the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary, and to adopt as their rule—which is that of the ancient Dominican Confraternity of the Rosary—the recitation of the Fifteen Mysteries during each week; one decade in each five being recited in intercession for our objects.

Members should also use the Rosary in the way of meditation and endeavour to extend the knowledge and practice of it among others.

Our second object at the same time is to promote solemnity and beauty in public worship and especially in our League Processions. Confraternities, technically so called, are societies

established for such object, and in accordance with the custom of the Church, members of the Confraternity may wear the processional *Mantle* of blue in honour of Our Lady with a collar of red in honour of the Sacred Heart.

All members of the Confraternity are also members of the Apostleship by virtue of the *first rule* being that of the Apostleship "Morning Offering," so that in this way the Confraternity is spiritually united with the other devotional Sections of the League.

OBJECTS OF THE ROSARY CONFRATERNITY.

The promotion of the honour of the Most Sacred Heart of Our Blessed Lord; and of Our Lady.

The promotion of the use of the Holy Rosary.

Intercession for the members and intentions of the C.L. Apostleship of Prayer.

Members will endeavour to increase the dignity of public Worship, especially by assisting in Confraternity Mantle at Processions of the Blessed Sacrament, of Our Lady and of the Catholic League, and at other times when directed; and in other ways.

RULE.

(1) To observe the Rule of the First Degree of the Apostleship of Prayer, viz., to make daily the "Morning Offering."—(p. 16.)

(2) To recite weekly the Fifteen Mysteries of the Holy Rosary of Our Lady.

N.B.—The *custom* among Rosarians is to say the Joyful Mysteries on Mondays and Thursdays, the Sorrowful on Tuesdays and Fridays, and the Glorious on Wednesdays and Saturdays. On Sundays according to season: The first in Advent and Christmastide, the second in Septuagesima and Lent, the third in Eastertide and till Advent.

But the *rule* of the Confraternity binds to no more than the Fifteen Mysteries said at any time once during the week.

(3) To say *one* of the Mysteries of each Chaplet for the intentions of the Apostleship, or any one of these. (p. 24)

N.B.—If a member already has the obligation of a decade of a living Rosary or other decades to say, these are included when they occur in the Confraternity Chaplet.

(4) To assist in Processions of the Blessed Sacrament and of Our Lady as far as possible in Confraternity Mantle, etc., when permitted by the Confraternity authority and requested by the promoter of the Procession.

In the case of a member ceasing permanently to observe the Rule, the Mantle will not be used, and should be given to the Confraternity.

(5) To wear regularly under the outer garment, the C.L. Apostleship Scapular of the Sacred Heart and Our Lady of Mercy, as a reminder of service and devotion.

THE LIVING CROWN OF OUR LADY OF VICTORY.

The whole Rosary is offered as a Crown of Honour to Our Lady by groups or circlets of 15 persons who undertake to say one Mystery each day for the Intention of Catholic Reunion. The Mystery is changed monthly as assigned against the member's number in the "C.L. Messenger."

THE TABERNACLE TREASURY.

A fund, dependent on donations, makes grants for maintaining the outward dignity of the Cult of the Blessed Sacrament.

THE CATHOLIC LEAGUE CHANTRY TRUST.

This Trust has been established for the celebration of REQUIEM MASSES in perpetuity or otherwise for departed members and others.

It is administered by Trustees, members of the General Committee, who are responsible for the Masses being offered each year.

The first Chantry Mass so endowed is that for C.L. members who laid down their lives in the Great War.

A donation or bequest of £20 secures an Annual Mass in perpetuity, and single Masses will be celebrated for the accustomed stipend.

RETREAT ASSOCIATION.

As a chief means of promoting our third object, yearly Retreats are arranged for Priests and lay people The Sodality holds a monthly Retreat for Priests.

PILGRIMAGE ASSOCIATION.

Pilgrimages are regularly arranged to the National Shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham, and, as opportunity arises, to other sacred places at home and abroad.

REUNION.

In pursuance of its first Object, the League initiated the English Council for the Church Unity Octave, which now promotes its observance in co-operation with the League.

THE CHURCH UNITY OCTAVE.

From the *Feast of St. Peter's Chair at Rome*, January 18th, to the Feast of the *Conversion of St. Paul*, the Apostle of the Nations.

It is only by the reunion of all Christians into the one Visible Kingdom of Christ, symbolized by the Chair of St. Peter, the central See of Christendom at Rome, that the power of the Church can be directed, without the present waste and rivalry, to the conversion of the whole world by the One Faith to Christ our King.

PRAYER : to be recited daily :

Antiphon. That they may all be one, as Thou, Father, art in Me and I in Thee : that they also may be one in Us ; that the world may believe that Thou hast sent Me.

V. I say unto thee that thou art Peter.

R. And upon this Rock I will build My Church.

Let us pray.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who saidst unto Thine Apostles : Peace I leave with you, My Peace I give unto you ; regard not our sins, but the faith of Thy Church, and vouchsafe to grant her peace and unity according to Thy will ; Who livest and reignest God for ever and ever.
Amen.

On the last day of the Octave, Holy Communion, after Confession ; and

A visit to a Church to offer a prayer for : *a.* The progress of the Faith and Triumph of the Church ; *b.* Concord among Christian Rulers ; *c.* Conversion of Sinners ; *d.* Uprooting of Heresies (*plenary indulgence*).

DAILY INTENTIONS suggested :

Jan. 18 *St. Peter's Chair at Rome.* The return of all the "Other Sheep" to the "One Fold."

Jan. 19 Reunion of the Eastern and Western Churches.
„ 20 The repairing of the 16th century breach between England and Rome.
„ 21 The return of Lutheran and other European Protestants to Holy Church.
„ 22 The return of all Dissidents to Holy Church.
„ 23 The return to the Holy Sacraments of lapsed Catholics.
„ 24 The conversion of the Jews.
„ 25 *Conversion of St. Paul.* The Missionary conquest of the whole world for Christ the King.

Recommendations.

1. Receive Holy Communion as often as possible during the Octave.

2. Attend Mass daily for the Intentions of the Octave.

3. Say a Decade of the Holy Rosary each day for the above Intentions.

4. Offer a penance, a fast, the Stations of the Cross, or some devotion as an act of Reparation for the sins of Heresy and Schism.

5. Offer Prayer or Intention at Mass every Thursday for "Reunion with the Apostolic See."

6. Study the question of Reunion, particularly as it affects these two Provinces.

THE ORDER OF ADMISSION OF MEMBERS.

(*The Admission and Benediction of members is reserved to Priest-Members or to a Priest specially delegated by the Superior.*)

Fight the good fight of Faith, lay hold on eternal life, whereunto ye are called. Be strong in the grace that is in Christ Jesus.

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

Our Father (secretly).

V. And lead us not into temptation.
R. But deliver us from evil.

Let us pray.

Prevent us, O Lord, in all our doings with Thy most gracious favour and further us with Thy continual help; that in all our works begun, continued and ended in Thee, we may glorify Thy Holy Name, and finally by Thy mercy obtain everlasting life; Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Secretary. Reverend Father, I present unto thee this person (*or these persons*) to be admitted to the Catholic League.

Priest. [Brethren, the Catholic League has been instituted to unite faithful Catholics in the bond of mutual prayer and service, to promote

holiness of life, love of the brethren, the extension of the Catholic religion and the unity of Christ's Holy Church.]

I demand, therefore, dost thou desire to become a member of the Catholic League?

R. I do.

Wilt thou endeavour to carry out the objects of this League?

R. I will.

Wilt thou observe the rules and discipline of Holy Church and endeavour to persevere in her Life and Communion as a true Catholic?

R. I will, God being my helper.

I, by the authority delegated unto me, admit thee into the Catholic League, in the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Receive this badge (or, if the badge has already been worn, Wear thy badge) in token of thy membership, and see that thou bear it alway remembering the example thou must give in faithfulness and charity and the service of God and His Church.

Then follows the Reception into the Apostleship if desired.

Then the Benediction of Members, (p. 36).

ORDER OF RECEPTION INTO THE C.L. APOSTLESHIP OF PRAYER.

(The Scapulars, which have been already blessed by the Director, are laid on the Altar.)

[Kyrie eleison.

Christe eleison.

Kyrie eleison.

Our Father.

Let us Pray :

May Thy Holy Spirit, we beseech Thee O Lord, lighten in our hearts that fire which our Lord Jesus Christ came to cast upon the earth and desires so earnestly to see enkindled. Amen.]

(If the Reception takes place at the same time as that into the Catholic League, omit preceding prayers and say as follows before the "Benediction of Members") :

Dost thou desire to be admitted into the Apostleship of Prayer of the Catholic League? And wilt thou endeavour to pray and live always according to the divine Will of our Lord Jesus Christ?

R. I so desire and will endeavour, God being my helper.

I admit thee into the Apostleship of Prayer of the Catholic League as member and as participator in all the spiritual privileges thereof,

in the Name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Ghost. Amen.

Receive, *brother*, this Scapular of the Sacred Heart of Jesus, that being adorned therewith in honour and memory of His love and Passion thou mayest through the intercession of the Blessed Virgin Mary, the Mother of Mercy, be found worthy to obtain the fulness of Divine Grace and the fruit of eternal glory, through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.

V. The Lord be with you.

R. And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

PRAYER OF THE APOSTLESHIP.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Who hast promised that wheresoever two or three are gathered together in Thy Name Thou wilt be there in the midst of them: Look down with compassion and love upon us who are now united before Thee in lowliness of heart to honour Thy Most Sacred Heart, and in the desire to make It known and loved by all. Come into the midst of us and fill our hearts with Thy blessings and inflame them with the fire of Thy love, Who livest and reignest God for ever and ever.

(*Here follows the Catholic League "Benediction of Members."*)

THE BENEDICTION OF MEMBERS.

V. Our help is in the Name of the Lord.
R. Who hath made heaven and earth.
V. O Lord save Thy *servant*.
R. Who putteth *his* trust in Thee.
V. Send *him* help from Thy Holy Place.
R. And evermore mightily defend *him*.
V. Let the enemy prevail naught against *him*.
R. Nor the son of wickedness approach to hurt *him*.
V. O Lord hear my prayer.
R. And let my cry come unto Thee.
V. The Lord be with you.
R. And with Thy spir*it*.

Let us pray.

Receive our supplications, we beseech Thee O Lord, and vouchsafe the blessings of Thy Peace to *this* Thy *servant :* and grant that, aided by the patronage and prayers of Thy Blessed Mother Mary, Saint Joseph, and Saint Nicholas, *he* may ever be safe from all adversity, Who livest and reignest with the Father and the Holy Ghost, Ever One God, World without end. Amen.

[✠(*To be said when admitting members.*) May Christ receive *thee* among the number of His servants who are faithful to the end, and give

thee a crown of life: and I, though unworthy, by authority given unto me, do receive *thee* as *participator* in all the prayers, good works and spiritual blessings of this League.]

✠May the power of Almighty God the Father, the love of His Only Begotten Son, Jesus Christ, and the sanctifying grace of the Holy Spirit be upon *thee;* and give *thee* strength for good works and perseverance unto a happy entrance into the inheritance of eternal life.

✠May Mary and God's Saints be *thy* intercessors.

His Passion *thy* strength,
His Angels be *thy* guard,
And His joy *thy* crown,
Now and unto life everlasting. Amen.

Here shall the member be sprinkled with Holy Water.

The above Benediction may be given also to gatherings of Members.

THE PRAYER OF THE LEAGUE.

O Lord Jesus Christ, Good Shepherd of Thy flock, Who dost send Thy Church into all the world to teach the Truth and to gather all men unto Thyself; we humbly beseech Thee to send the blessing and guidance of Thy Holy

Spirit upon us Thy children who are united for Thy service in the Catholic League, that in all our words, our work and example we may set forward Thy Glory and the good of Thy Church. Grant by the intercessions of Thy Mother, the All-holy and Glorious Ever-Virgin Mary, and of Thy blessed Saint Joseph and Saint Nicholas, our Patrons, that the hearts of our people may be converted unto Thyself and to Thy Holy Church, and that there may be strengthened in us the desire to accomplish Thy Holy Will for the oneness of Thy fold. Inflame us with the fire of Thy most Sacred Heart and grant to us a deeper faith and love; increase in us zeal for truth and service, and fill us, O Lord, with the spirit of penitence and godly fear: Who livest and reignest, One GOD, world without end.

or

Almighty God, Who hast given unto us Thine Only-begotten Son Jesus Christ, to be the Way, the Truth and the Life, we beseech Thee to send Thy blessing upon all members of the Catholic League. Inflame us with the love of the most Sacred Heart, and deepen in us faith and penitence and zeal for Thy service. By the prayers of the Blessed Virgin Mary, and of Saint Joseph and Saint Nicholas, our Patrons, grant peace and unity to Thy Holy Church:

convert the hearts of all our people to Thy Truth, and guide and prosper all the counsels and undertakings of the League to the glory of Thy Name and the maintenance and advancement of Thy holy religion: Who livest and reignest, One GOD, for ever and ever. Amen.

V. O Blessed Mary, Lady of Victory, pray for us,

R. That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

V. Blessed Saint Joseph our Patron,

R. Be our guardian and pray for us.

V. Blessed Saint Nicholas, our Patron,

R. Pray for us thy children.

APOSTLESHIP PRAYERS.

O Lord Jesu Christ, grant that we may be clothed with the virtues and inflamed by the fire of Thy Most Sacred Heart: that we, being made comformable to the image of Thy goodness, may be worthy to be made partakers of Thy redemption. Who livest.

Look down, O eternal Father, upon this Thy family of the Apostleship of Prayer, which though scattered among all nations is yet one in the desire to spread devotion to the Sacred

Heart, and to make Thy Kingdom come. Remember, Lord, from how many million hearts arise the Morning Offerings. Vouchsafe to take pleasure in them and make them fruitful in salvation for the souls of sinners. Hearken to the pleading of the Sacred Heart of Thy Divine Son, in union with which we pray. Forget not the bitter agony which It hath endured. Let not Its precious blood be shed in vain. May Its patient love prevail over our ingratitude, and bring all sinners in true repentance to Thy feet.

Amen.

(*and p. 35.*)

FORM OF CONSECRATION TO THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS.

O Most sweet Jesus, fountain of charity, Father of mercies and God of all consolation, who hast deigned to lay open to us, miserable and unworthy sinners, the unspeakable riches of Thy Heart, we give Thee thanks for all the benefits vouchsafed to men, and especially to the pastors and faithful of this diocese; above all, we thank Thee for the institution of the Blessed Sacrament. Further, in reparation for the injuries and insults offered by ourselves and by others to Thy most loving Heart in this adorable Sacrament, we hereby consecrate ourselves to Thy Sacred Heart, with all that we have and all that we are, with all the merits that we may have

gained or may ever gain, promising as far as in us lies to propagate this devotion to Thy Divine Heart.

Moreover we choose the ever Blessed Virgin Mary for our Mother: to her most pure Heart we also consecrate ourselves, promising our earnest endeavours to spread around us a devotion to this most tender mother, according to the mind of the Church.

Wherefore we beseech Thee, O Lord Jesus Christ, of Thine immense goodness and clemency, that Thou wouldst deign to receive this oblation of ourselves in the odour of sweetness, and that as Thou hast inspired us with the desire and the will to make it, so Thou wouldst grant us the graces necessary to complete it.

Amen.

COLLECT OF OUR LADY OF VICTORY.

O most merciful God Who, through the Mother of Thine Only Begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ, dost bestow all good things upon Thy faithful people: by her merits and prayers make us so to live constant in the Faith that having overcome the snares of our enemies we may be found worthy as victors happily to attain unto Thee; through the same Jesus Christ, etc.

PRAYER OF OUR LADY OF VICTORY.

Almighty and everlasting God who hast given to us in this our conflict to venerate Thy most Blessed Mother under the invocation of Our Lady of Victory: graciously vouchsafe that, armed by the Faith of Thy holy Cross and defended by the constant protection of the same most mighty Virgin, we may overcome the world and be found worthy to share in her triumph and everlasting reward. Who livest and reignest.

CONSECRATION TO OUR LADY OF PERPETUAL SUCCOUR.

Most Holy Virgin Mary, Mother of God, whom I love to honour under the sweet title of Our Lady of perpetual Succour, I, *N.*, although most unworthy to be thy servant, yet moved by thy wonderful compassion, and by my desire to serve thee, now choose thee, in presence of my guardian angel and of the whole company of heaven, for my queen, advocate and mother: and I firmly purpose alway to love and serve thee for the future, and to do whatever I can to lead others to love and serve thee also. I beseech thee, O Mother of God, and my most compassionate and loving mother, by the blood which thy Son shed for me,

to receive me into the number of thy servants, to be thy child and servant for ever. Assist me in my thoughts, words and actions every moment of my life, so that all may be directed to the greater glory of my God; and through thy most powerful intercession may I never more offend my beloved Jesus, but may I glorify Him, and love Him on earth, and enjoy and praise Him for ever in heaven. Amen.

To St. JOSEPH, our Patron.

Unto thee do we fly, O blessed Joseph, in the hour of tribulation, and while we confidently crave the aid of thy most holy Spouse, we pray for thine advocacy also. We beseech thee by the charity that bound thee to the Immaculate Virgin, Mother of God, and by the father's love wherewith thou didst embrace the Child Jesus, we earnestly entreat thee, graciously to regard the inheritance which Jesus Christ hath purchased with his own Blood; and in our necessities to succour us with thy powerful aid. Defend, O most watchful Guardian of the Holy Family, the elect offspring of Jesus Christ; ward off from us, O most loving Father, every stain of error and corruption: mercifully assist us from heaven, O most mighty deliverer, in this our conflict with the powers of darkness; and as

once thou didst rescue the Child Jesus from peril of his life, so now do thou defend the Church of God from the assaults of her enemies, and from all adversities; shield each one of us with thy continual protection, that we, imitating thy example and being succoured by thy aid, may live in holiness and die in godliness, and thereby attain in heaven to everlasting felicity. Amen.

COMMEMORATION OF St. NICHOLAS,

Confessor and Bishop, Our Patron.

O God, who hast glorified the blessed Bishop Nicholas with innumerable works of wonder: grant, we beseech Thee, that by his merits and prayers we may be delivered from the fires of everlasting punishment. Through Christ.

COMMEMORATIONS OF THE SODALITY P.B.

Ana. Accessistis ad Sion montem, et civitatem Dei viventis, Jerusalem cœlestem, et Testamenti novi mediatorem Jesum, et sanguinis aspersionem melius loquentem quam Abel. (T. P. Alleluia).

V. Redemisti nos Domine in sanguine tuo. (Alleluia.)

R. Et fecisti nos Deo nostro regnum. (All.)

ORATIO.

Omnipotens sempiterne Deus, qui unigenitum Filium tuum mundi Redemptorem constituisti, ac ejus sanguine placari voluisti : concede quæsumus, salutis nostræ pretium solemni cultu ita venerari, atque a præsentis vitæ malis ejus virtute defendi in terris, ut fructu perpetuo lætemur in cœlis. Per eumdem.

S. CAROLI BORROMÆORUM.

Ana. Sacerdos et Pontifex, et virtutum opifex, pastor bone in populo, ora pro nobis Dominum. (All.)

V. Amavit eum Dominus, et ornavit eum. (All.)

R. Stolam gloriæ induit eum. (All.)

ORATIO.

Ecclesiam tuam Domine sancti Caroli Confessoris tui atque Pontificis continua protectione custodi : ut sicut illum pastoralis sollicitudo gloriosum reddidit, ita nos ejus intercessio in tuo semper faciat amore ferventes. Per Christum.

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